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INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE CHURCH YARD OF OLD
PRINCE FREDERICK WINYAH, AT BROWN'S FERRY,
BLACK RIVER¹

By an act of the General Assembly, April 19, 1734² and March 29, 1735 the parish of Prince George Winyah was divided and that part "beginning at the Southwesternmost plantation of John Du Bose on Santee, from thence on a line to the head of John Green's creek, and down the said creek till you come to Black river and from thence over Black river to the plantation of John Bogg, to be included in the town parish to Pee Dee River; and that part of the parish where in the parish church now is, shall and is hereby declared to be a distinct parish by itself . . . and known by the name of Prince Frederick."

As seen by above act, the parish Church of Prince George, Winyah, fell into the line of the new parish, and became the parish church of Prince Frederick. The church was begun in 1726, and was still unfinished in 1730;³ but was evidently completed by 1734, for in that year the pews were sold.⁴

Dalcho, writing in 1819, says, "The church is commodious and well constructed, built of brick, 40 feet long by 30 wide." There is nothing left of the church today, except parts of the foundation which is covered with earth.

The church seems to been abandoned about 1810, when the rector, Rev. Hugh Fraser, resigned.

In 1837, the Bishop reports that "a new building has recently been consecrated in Prince Fredericks parish, on the Pee Dee, a very small number of liberal friends of Christs kingdom have done this pious work."⁵ There was no regular rector until 1840, when the Rev. John B. Gallagher of New York, took charge, he reported 14 white communicants, 3 colored, 15 noncommunicants, and 16 children under fourteen; this little wooden church was afterwards moved to Plantersville, and the present very handsome little

¹ Copied by Mrs. Arthur Putnam Webber, and Mabel L. Webber.

² *St. at Large*, v. 3, p. 374.

³ *Register for Prince Frederick*.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Diocesan Journal*, 1837. *Ibid.*, 1840.

church was begun about 1860. The Register (1713-1769), and Minutes of the Vestry, 1729-1779 of Princé Frederick, have recently been published by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, through the efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Allston Pringle, and, besides the genealogical value, give us an interesting insight in to the working of the parish system before the Revolution.

Sacred to the Memory / of / William Bellune / who departed this life on / the 28th March 1830 / Aged 76 years 9 months / and 23 days / Having faithfully served his / country and his God.

Sacred / To the Memory of / Mrs. Jane Bossard / Daughter of / James and Jane Green / who departed this life / 6th January 1809 / aged 20 years and 5 months.

Here lyes the Body of / William Brown / who departed this Life / the 10th of Nov. 1749 / aged 34 years / and Hester Brown His Wife / who also departed this Life / the 27th of Sept^r. 1788 / Aged 73 years. . . .

Sacred to / The Memory of Francis Y. [or G?] Coachman / Who departed this life on the 26th day / of November 1833 / In the 29th year / of his age.

In / Memory of / M^{rs} Hannah Coachman / who departed this life / the 12th November 1808 / Aged 30 years and 9 months.

Sarah Ann Davis / departed this life / on the 1st of May 1819. / aged 25 years 2 months & 12 days

Sacred / To the Memory of / M^{rs}. Adelaid Eliza Davis / who was born 16th January A. D. 1801 / and departed this life the / 27th Sept. A. D. 1822 / Ages 21 years 8 months and 11 days. / Besides her on the right sleeps her / infant babe / Benjamin James Somers / who was born 15th August A. D. 1821 / and died 9th November of the / same year / aged 2 months and 25 days. . . .

. . . James / son of James & Jane T. Dealy / died 10 November 1833 / aged 9 years and 7 months.

. . . Mrs. Jane T. Dealy / who departed this life / February 17th 1826 / aged 22 years and 1 month. . . .

. . . Samuel G. Dealy / son of James & Jane T. Dealy / and adopted son of / Samuel & Mary E. Green / who departed this life / 23rd of July 1832 / aged 6 years & 7 months / "He is gone."

[1.] In Memory / of / Mrs. Lydia Dozier / relict of the late Mr. John Dozier / She died the 25th day of Nov. 1832. / aged 51 years 1 month and 2 days. . . .

[2.] Sacred to the Memory / of / John Dozier Esq. / who died on the 15th day of August 1830 / In the 55th year of his age. . . .

[3.] In Memory of John Ralston / who died 17th day of Feb. 1842 / aged 30 years 10 months and 19 days. / Also / Elizabeth Giles Ralston / Relict of John Ralston / and Daughter of the late Col. John Dozier / Who died 30th day of Jan. 1851 aged 36 years & 4 Days. / and of / Their infant daughter Susan Adelaid who died 7th day Jan. 1842 / aged 3 months and 21 days / and of their son / Anthony Dozier / who died 22 Sept. 1843 / Aged 3 years 2 months & 22 days.

[The above three monuments are in one enclosure, surrounded by a high brick wall still in excellent condition.]

Sacred / To the Memory of / Sarah T. Easterling / wife of / John R. Easterling / and daughter of / Capt. Robert & Elizabeth / McCottry / who departed this life / 17th April 1817 / Aged 17 years.

Sacred / to the Memory / of / Anna Green / Consort of / Richard Green / who died 13th of / June 1834 aged 65 years. . . .

Sacred / to the Memory / of / Benjamin D. Green / who died the 25th of Sept. 1827 / aged Eighteen Years / 7 mos. . . .

Sacred / to the Memory / of Elizabeth Green / daughter of James Green / who died August 1805 / aged 9 [?] years & 7 months. . . .

. . . Mrs. Elizabeth Green / relict of / Mr. Francis Green / who departed this life on / the 8th May / A. D. 1829 / Aged / 70 years.

Sacred / to the Memory / of M^{rs}. Elizabeth Green / wife of / James Green / who departed this life / 22nd. November 1813 / aged 58 years. . . .

. . . M^r. Francis Green / who departed this life / 17th Jan^y. 1825 / aged 78 years / and 9 mos.

. . . Francis Green / son of James Green / who departed this life / 29th November 1800 / aged 19 years 1 month and 9 days.

In / Memory / of / James Green / son of / James Green / who died Sept^r. 21st. 1787 / aged 7 months and 1 day.

In / Memory of / James Green who departed this life / the 24th. of October 1801 / aged 75 years, 5 mos. & 3 days.

Here Lies / James Francis / son of / John F. and Esther Green / who died / 14th. November 1828 / aged 2 years 8 months and 19 days. . . .

Sacred / to the Memory of / James S Green / A Planter of Black River / who departed this life / the - - - of November A. D. 1823 / Aged 62 years & 6 months / He - - - of the Band that followed / the fortunes of Marion. Gallantly served / - - - & sustained the honor of his country in the well / contested battle of the Eutaw / when Peace was concluded M^r. Green retiring to the walks of private life / pursuing the occupation of a planter / with small capital /

[Then follows 8 lines of eulogy, the stone is so badly broken and scattered that the whole inscription can not be found.]

In Memory / of / Jane Green / who departed this life / the 3^d November 1802 / aged 18 years and 21 days.

Sacred / to the Memory of / Jane Green / Daughter of / H. Futhy / and wife of / James Green / who died May 20th 1797 aged / 35 years 7 months.

In / Memory of / M^{rs}. Jane Green / who died 7th. of October 1807 / aged 75 years 5 months and 18 days. . . .

To / the Memory of / Mrs. Lydia Jane Green / who departed this life / July 17th 1796.

In memory of / Miss Mary Green / Daughter of Samuel & / Sarah Green / who died / Sept. 18, 1845 in the 54th year / of her age. . . .

. . . Mary L. Green / daughter of James & Mary E. Green / who departed this life / October 5th 1831 / aged 2 years 1 month.

. . . Richard Green / who died the 12th / of Sept^r. 1827 / aged 70 years 5 months. . . .

Sacred / to the Memory / of / Richard Benjamin / Green / who was born / March 13, 1830, and departed this Life / June 6, 1881.

. . . Samuel Green / who died / February 13, 1821 / AE. 57yr. & 11 mos. . . . [Stone badly broken.]

In / Memory of / William Green / who departed this life / the 5th July 1778 / aged 65 years and 10 months.

Sacred / to the Memory of / William G. / Green / who departed this life the 15th / October 1813 / aged 30 years.

Sacred / to the Memory of / William H. Green / Son of / James Green / who died 16th May 1786 / Aged 10 months and / 20 days.

In / Memory of / John James Hale / who was born / 20th Jan. 1786. / And died / 6th Nov. 1831.

. . . Mrs. Margaret / Consort of / Alexander Hales / who was born on Cooper River / St. Thomas Parish / and died September 16th A: D: 1826 / aged 35 years. . . .

Sacred / to the Memory of / Mrs. Elizabeth L. Keith / consort of / Thomas J. Keith / who was born 20th Oct^r. 1814 / and departed this life on the 17th January 1835 / aged 20 years 2 months and 18 days / Beside her on the Right / sleeps her two little Babes / Mary Jane who was born / 17th of March, 1833, and died / First November of that year / aged 7 months and 14 days / and her son who was born 8th September 1831, and died in a few hours after his birth. . . .

Sacred / To the Memory of / Archibald Liggitt / A native of Mecklenberg / County. No. Ca. / who died / The 9th of May 1846, / aged about Forty Years.

Sacred / to Annie Laurie / wife of S. P. Long / Born July 7, 1878 / Died Aug. 1, 1898 / aged 18 years & 24 days / . . .

. . . Anna Maria / Pipkin / daughter of Levin / and Eliza Pipkin / born Feb. 5th 1832 / Died Jan. 31st. 1835.

. . . Eliza Pipkin / a native of Christ Church Parish / She departed this life 1824 / in the 30th year of her age.

. . . John L. Pipkin / son of Levin and Eliza / Pipkin Died / 19th May, 1828 / aged 4 months / and 19 days / . . .

To / The Memory of / M^{rs} Elizabeth Roland / who departed this Life / February 24th 1802.

Sacred / to the Memory of / Mrs. Elizabeth / Wife of the / Rev. Jeremiah Russell / who departed this life / 24th March 1816 / AE. 43 years 3 months and 6 Days.

. . . J. W. Skinner / Born / Dec. 13, 1817 / Died / May 11 / 1865.

. . . John White / who died Sept^r. 28th 1854 / aged 62 years. . . .

. . . Sarah White / consort of / John White / who died Dec^r. 20th 1857 / Aged 63 years. . . .